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To: Senate Joint Resolution No. 33

File No. 489

Cal. No. 361

**"RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF  
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROHIBITION AND ELIMINATION OF  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NUCLEAR WEAPON RELATED  
MATERIALS."**

1 Strike everything after the resolve clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. WHEREAS, as long as nuclear weapons exist, cities  
4 around the world will be vulnerable to instantaneous devastation on a  
5 scale exceeding even that experienced by Hiroshima and Nagasaki in  
6 1945; and

7 WHEREAS, a nuclear war would devastate many cities, an  
8 accidental missile launch would devastate several cities, and use of a  
9 nuclear weapon by terrorists would devastate a city; and

10 WHEREAS, any nuclear attack would obliterate all emergency  
11 response mechanisms rendering any city planning system for such a  
12 disaster futile; and

13 WHEREAS, the world's foremost line of defense against nuclear  
14 dangers is the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty which is currently in  
15 its seventh review cycle, with all parties to the treaty scheduled to  
16 meet in May 2005 to ensure that the treaty is being fully implemented;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, all other weapons of mass destruction have been  
19 prohibited by international agreement and are being eliminated under  
20 international control, and the nuclear weapons states that are parties to  
21 the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have undertaken to pursue  
22 negotiations in good faith on nuclear disarmament; and

23 WHEREAS, the International Court of Justice unanimously found in  
24 1996 that all states were obliged to bring to a conclusion negotiations  
25 leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and  
26 effective international control; and

27 WHEREAS, the World Conference of Mayors for Peace has  
28 launched an international campaign calling on the 2005 Non-  
29 Proliferation Treaty Review Conference to launch negotiations on the  
30 elimination of nuclear weapons, to be concluded by 2010 and fully  
31 implemented by 2020, also known as the 2020 vision; and

32 WHEREAS, weapons of mass destruction have no place in a  
33 civilized world;

34 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut  
35 General Assembly urges President George W. Bush to commence  
36 negotiations on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons  
37 and nuclear weapon related materials; and

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and  
39 House cause copies of this resolution to be sent to the presiding

40 officers of each house of Congress and to each member of the  
41 Connecticut congressional delegation.

42 Sec. 2. WHEREAS, horrific violence has been inflicted upon civilians  
43 in the Darfur province of the Republic of Sudan, caused, condoned and  
44 encouraged by the government of Sudan; and

45 WHEREAS, entire villages have been looted and destroyed; and

46 WHEREAS, women and girls have been systematically raped; and

47 WHEREAS, populations have been forcibly removed from their  
48 lands and homelands; and

49 WHEREAS, many tens of thousands of people have been brutally  
50 murdered by government-sanctioned militias; and

51 WHEREAS, the United States has determined that these crimes are  
52 genocide; and

53 WHEREAS, the Report of the International Commission of Inquiry  
54 on Darfur to the United Nations likewise concluded government forces  
55 and militias have conducted atrocities on a widespread and systematic  
56 basis; and

57 WHEREAS, this violates international law, every standard of  
58 human decency and the Charter of the United Nations of which Sudan  
59 is a member;

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the  
61 Connecticut General Assembly express our individual and collective  
62 outrage and calls upon the United States Congress to take such actions  
63 as will cause the government of the Republic of Sudan to halt all  
64 violence in the region, to restore stolen lands to the rightful owners, to  
65 reconstruct destroyed villages and to return displaced persons to their  
66 communities; and

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and

68 House cause copies of this resolution to be sent to the presiding  
69 officers of each house of Congress and to each member of the  
70 Connecticut congressional delegation."